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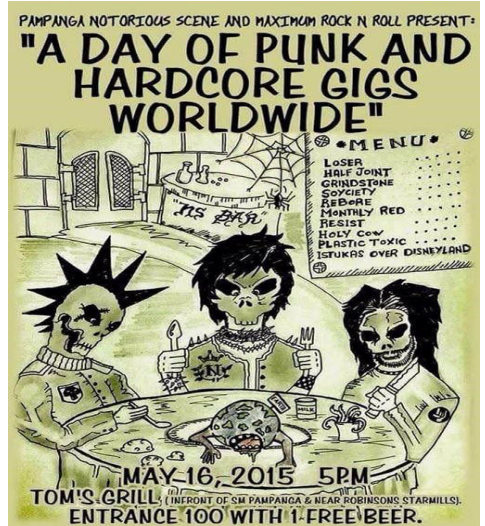
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## PAMPANGA NOTORIOUS SCENE CELEBRATES 21ST ANNIVERSARY

Notorious Scene, Pampanga's underground punk and hardcore community (but all genres are welcome!), celebrates its 21st anniversary this month of May and organized two gigs to mark the event. The first gig was part of the Maximum RocknRoll presents A Day of Punk and Hardcore Gigs Worldwide held on May 16, 2015 at Tom's Grill, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. Local bands which performed during the gig included ISTUKAS OVER DISNEYLAND, REBORE, HOLY COW, SOYCIETY, GRINDSTONE, RESIST, PLASTIC TOXIC, LOSER, AND MONTHLY RED. A second gig is slated on May 30, 2015 at Tom's Grill, City of San Fernando, Pampanga which will feature visiting bands from outside Pampanga. Included in the line up are REFUSE and LIMIT BREAK CREW from Baguio City, STATE OF CALAMITY from Cavite, JAHANNAM and I AGAINST from Bulacan, THE BOXERS and AGGRESSIVE DOG ATTACK from Laguna, RED CORPSE from Tarlac City, SOME CAME RUNNING from Metro Manila and NOT 4 SALE. Scene supporters from Santiago, Isabela, Bulacan and South Cotabato are also expected to attend the gig in support of NS. Compilation CDs and free newsletters will be given to early birds. NOTORIOUS SCENE started as

an underground network of differ-

ent bands from various schools all over Pampanga in 1994, promotes DIY ethics and aims to unite the Kapampangan underground music scene. Its homegrown record and distro label LOVE FROM HATE has been consistent in coming out with demos of local bands and fanzines as well. Watch out for the new releases of Love From Hate later this year. SUPPORT YOUR LOCALS, ALL THE WAY!



Official NS Poster for Maximum Rocknroll and Notorious Scene Present a Day of Punk and Hardcore Gigs Worldwide on May 16, 2015

## EKSENA LOKAL RADIO SEASON 5 COMING SOON!

EKSENA LOKAL RADIO WHICH CELEBRATED ITS FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY ON MAY THIS YEAR ENDED THE FOURTH SEASON WITH AN EXCLUSIVE IN DEPTH INTERVIEW OF RIZ FAROOQI OF KING LY CHEE AND UNITEASIA.ORG. THE SEASON FINALE ALSO FEATURED SONGS FROM CAPAMPANGAN UNDERGROUND BANDS AS A TRIBUTE TO THE NOTORIOUS SCENE'S 21ST ANNIVERSARY ON MAY 2015.

EKSENA LOKAL HOSTS ARE NOW PREPARING FOR THE FIFTH SEASON OF THE TRAILBLAZING RADIO PROGRAM THIS COMING JUNE 5, 2015, WITH A WORKING TITLE OF "EPIC SEASON 5". EKSENA LO-

KAL RADIO AIRS FROM THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA EVERY FRIDAY AT BRIGHT FM 91.9 FROM 7PM TO 9PM AND CAN BE VIEWED WORLDWIDE VIA USTREAM.TV AT THE BRIGHTFM919 CHANNEL. IT IS CURRENTLY RAN AND HOSTED BY VOLUNTEER DJS CHINKEE, YAY, MARVZ, TOIE, ISTUKAS, LIA, JET AND SURVIVES THROUGH GENEROUS SCENE SUPPORTERS.. DEMOS, BAND BIOS, FLYERS, GIG ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE WELCOME AT EKSENALOKALRADIO@GMAIL.COM OR THRU THE OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE.



## NOTES FROM OUR TOURING LIFE: OUR NOTORIOUS SUMMER JOURNEY SO FAR

2015 is a banner year for the Notorious Scene bands if only for the gigs outside our hometown that we played in. Visiting another scene is always an eyeopening and refreshing experience when you get to meet and mingle with people who may speak a different language but share the same passion for music and understand the roots of your ideology. Summer officially kicked off with a gig held at the Liwa-liwa Beach Resort in San Felipe, Zambales on March 7, 2015. March 18 to 23, 2015 marked the Mindanao tour of the NS and Eksena Lokal Radio which brought us to Polomolok, South Cotabato, Gen. Santos City, Davao City and Island Garden City of Samal.



HARDCORE PUNK BAND FROM DOWNTOWN COLD GROUND IS COMING OUR WAY THIS MAY 2015! CATCH THEM AT THE GIG NEAREST YOU!

We only have but great memories of the long, tiring and yet fruitful journey which spanned about 700 kilometers all over Mindanao and had us spending most of our waking moments in a cramped van. The visiting bands were warmly welcomed by our friends from the Southcore and City of Thorns crew and were taken around to see some tourist sites as well. It was a privilege to play with some really good bands from Mindanao including those coming from Malaybalay City, Bukidnon as well as the local bands in our host scenes GenSan and Polomolok and Davao City and Samal. We hope that we can bring other NS bands back to the south in another time. April 11, 2015 found us in Santa Rosa, Laguna visiting our brothers and sisters from the Laguna HC scene. It was also a fun gig and a

great time to catch up with our friends from South Luzon who have always been supportive of our scene here in Pampanga. On May 2, 2015 it was also our turn to visit our neighboring scene in Tarlac City where a tribute gig was held in honor of the victims of the Hacienda Luisita Massacre. During gigs outside of our own scene we meet new and old friends alike. We become aware of how scenes are similar and different at the same time. Visiting new places is a learning experience like no other. It helps us to understand the world a little better and appreciate it more. Since underground scenes are almost universal, there is a big chance that whatever place you visit might have one. One of the things that we could look forward to in traveling is not just the local sights and cuisine but also the music that is homegrown and unique to each locality. Moreover, visiting another scene can pave way for mutual support and future collaborations. In the mean time, Notorious Scene would like to thank all those who have hosted us, whether we came invited or not, and made our trips memorable. See you again in some future gig, in Pampanga or otherwise. We hope that you can also visit and play in our hometown soon! Touring in Pampanga? Send us a message on Facebook at Eksena Lokal Radio or Notorious Scene Pampanga. :) (Chinkee)



CATCH THE PHILIPPINE LEG OF THE KING LY CHEE ASIAN TOUR THIS COMING JUNE 2015 AT THE CITY NEAREST YOU! VISIT UNITEASIA.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS.

## Hardcore=Respect

Some kids who think that hardcore is just a fashion statement fail to see that it is a way of life and that there are values that make it real. I have been in the underground and hardcore scene since the 90s. The scene is like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one. One of the most important and deeply rooted values that I believe in and live with is respect. Respect cuts across borders and boundaries, regardless of age, wealth, race, creed, gender, or belief. In a highly opinionated world that we live in, people sometimes tend to impose on others their own biases and beliefs. But hardcore teaches us more than that. Hardcore has taught me to stand my ground for what I believe in and to

keep it real. Beyond this I have never imposed my own lifestyle on other people. I meet people from different walks of life who are surrounded by their own principles. I try to understand and respect them as much as I can. In our lifetimes, we might meet some people who discriminate against us or plainly do not like us, but we should not let such things bother us. Their words, thoughts and actions make up their own reflection, and does not reflect or define the kinds of persons that we are. People who accept us will always accept us with all our choices, faults and frailties. The Hindu greeting of namaste sums it up: "I respect the being in you as much as you respect the being in me." (Bruno Marvz)

## Inbox: messages from NS friends

"Congratulations Notorious Scene for celebrating your 21st anniversary, for the unity, passion and standpoint to the underground punk and hardcore scene." - Bodz (Take the Biscuit)

"Saludo ako sa inyong mga taga Pampanga at hindi kayo bumibitiw sa ating pinakamamahal na eksena. Ipagpatuloy niyo pa ng husto at maipasa pa sa susunod na henerasyon ang ating nasimulan. Walang katumbas na pinagmamalaki ko kayo at 21 years na walang tigil sa pag-iingay! Mabuhay kayong mga taga-Pampanga!!!" - Bing Austria (Flippin Soul Stompers)

"Mabuhay kayo diyan sa Pampanga punk and hardcore scene!!! Kinakalat ko dito ang Notorious Zine isyus sa bawat order ng Aklasan records. Keep the faith brothers and sisters!!! Don't forget the struggle, TAKE IT TO THE STREETS!!!" - Rupert Estanislao (Aklasan Records)

"Salamat sa suporta Marvz at sa Notorious Scene! Andito lagi ang Laguna para sumuporta. Let's keep on rolling and supporting the local scene! Thanks!" - Pakoy Fletcher (Typecast)

"Maraming salamat sa lahat ng nai-ambag ninyo sa ating eksena. 21 more years to go! Wag kayong magsasawa. :) - Jay Yator (The Boxers)

"We always had a great time playing a show with NS, 3 years ago we played our first show and the experience is invaluable. The kids

and people behind it embraced us and treat us like we're part of the family. We're grateful to have NS crew as our brothers and sisters from the north. Keep educating the young generation about the scene and the purpose of the movement. Continue helping struggling bands/ artists for their message to be heard. Shout out to Marvz, Ching and the rest of the NS crew. Let's keep it moving!!" - Ariel Lumanlan (Arcadia)

"Happy 21 years anniversary to our brothers and sisters in the Notorious scene. We always got your backs! Laguna - Pampanga Connection." - Howell Casacop (Piledriver)

"21 years and counting! To the people behind Notorious scene, to those who continuously attend shows and buy local merch, to the bands who stick around, keep the dedication and unity flowing! Be also thankful for having a Francis, Ching, Yay, Marvin and Toie who take initiatives to pump up some projects. More shows and records to come!!" - Mae (Refuse)